

# Linear Algebra

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Right Side	$(n - 1) + (n - 2) + \dots + 1 = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$
Solution	$n + (n - 1) + \dots + 1 = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$
Total	$\frac{n^3 - n}{3} + n^2 + n \simeq \frac{1}{3}n^3$

# Singular and Non-singular equation systems

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = b_1 \\ 2x_1 + 2x_2 + 5x_3 = b_2 \\ 4x_1 + 4x_2 + 8x_3 = b_3 \end{cases} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & b_1 \\ 2 & 2 & 5 & b_2 \\ 4 & 4 & 8 & b_3 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{b_2 - 2b_1}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{b_3 - 2b_1}{4} \end{array} \right]$$



## Example

Which number  $q$  makes this system singular and which right-hand side  $t$  gives it infinitely many solutions? Find the solution that has  $x_3 = 1$

$$\begin{cases} x_1 + 4x_2 - 2x_3 = 1 \\ x_1 + 7x_2 - 6x_3 = 6 \\ \quad + 3x_2 + qx_3 = t \end{cases}$$

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# Upper triangular

The product  $GFE$  is the true order of elimination. It is the matrix that takes the original  $A$  to the upper triangular  $U$ .

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One operation cancels the other. In matrix terms, one matrix is the inverse of the other.

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- $L$  is **lower triangular**, with 1s on the diagonal.
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and solve  $Ax = b$ .

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- $A = LDU$  where  $L$  and  $U$  have 1s on the diagonal and  $D$  is the diagonal matrix of pivots.

# Row exchanges and Permutation Matrices

With the rows reordered in advance,  $A$  can be factored into  $LU$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = U$$

So, that row exchange with permutation matrix:

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

recovers  $LU$ . The matrix  $P$  is called **permutation** matrix.



## Elimination in a Nutshell: $PA = LU$

- In the nonsingular case, there is a permutation matrix  $P$  that reorders the rows of  $A$  to avoid zeros in the pivot positions. Then  $Ax = b$  has a unique solution.
- In the singular case, no  $P$  can produce a full set of pivots: elimination fails.